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JOURNALISM NEEDS A FEMINE TOUCH

Dorothy Dix Says Newspapers are Like Women, "All Gossip."

E. W. HODGES SPEAKS

"Stick-to-it-iveness" Is the Key to Success, He Said.

"Woman's opportunity in journalism is very great because the character of the press is essentially feminine, being merely a collection of the aggregate gossip of the world." This was the opinion of Dorothy Dix (Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer) in the opening address of Journalism Week last night in the auditorium. Her subject was "Woman's Opportunity in Journalism."

Mrs. Gilmer said the very life of a woman was a training for newspaper work, while skill in journalism came to a man only after fasting and prayer. She told the audience to try the next morning the experiment of asking a man about a meeting the night before. They would say, she said, there was about the usual-sized crowd, the addresses were about the same as generally are given at an affair of that kind, and so on. Ask a woman and she will tell you who were there, how they were dressed, how old the speaker was and whether she bought her gown on Fifth or Sixth avenue, in New York City.

In Defense of Sentiment.

"Men have chosen to laugh at us and call us 'sister sisters.' They have said we were weighed down with sentiment. But if you could read the hundred or more letters which I receive every day from men, as well as women, you would understand that there is a place for sentiment. A book full of the letters which I get would make the most tragic, most sordid, and yet most humorous volume ever published."

Mrs. Gilmer read a number of letters in which the writers asked advice about every conceivable subject. One woman wrote "she had a good husband but that he would not bathe, should she leave him?" Dorothy Dix answered "No. Just turn the hose on him." Another woman of forty, who had false teeth and was about to be married, asked if she should divulge the secret before marriage and run the risk of losing her true love or should she keep still after marriage and perhaps be blamed as a deceiver for the rest of her life. The answer was, "marry him and keep your mouth shut."

Her Address Pleased.

Mrs. Gilmer's address was full of humor. The audience appeared to enjoy it unusually. Dean Walter Williams said he spoke for President A. Ross Hill, who has temporarily lost his voice, and for Prof. F. L. Martin, acting-dean of the School of Journalism. Many women were so late in coming that the introductory speech, Dean Williams said, had to be given in installments.

Dorothy Dix said she felt she was the dean of the newspaper women, as she had worked for twenty-five years without a single month's vacation. During that time she had seen many newspaper women drop out or marry, while she continued to turn out sheet after sheet of copy for which "she hoped the Lord and a long-suffering public would forgive her." When she entered a newspaper office, she was looked upon with doubt, even by the editor by whom she was employed. Today, men and women both are learning it is not good for man to be alone even in a newspaper office, she said.

"Fine Writing" Is Scored.

"But the thing which newspaper women have not learned yet is that the public does not care for or want 'fine writing.' As an old lady said, the newly-rich are hard to bear, but the newly-educated are worse. Woman has not learned to carry her higher learning well as yet. Before she gets the classical references off her mind, she has no space for her story."

"The woman, whose place I took when I entered my first office, could make the angels envious with her rhetoric and diction. I decided people would rather have plain facts without any of the pink chiffon of pale romance. Whatever success has come to me, I attribute to the fact that I strived to write the truth without any frills. I have tried always to

TONIGHT.

7 p. m.—Band Concert on Campus.

8 p. m.—"Address over Long Distance by Col. W. R. Nelson of The Kansas City Star."

"A Woman Journalist in the Far North." Mrs. Mary E. Hart, Vice-President, Pacific Coast Women's Press Association.

TOMORROW.

(In Switzer Hall.)

9 a. m.—"Human Interest." Informal Discussion led by William H. Hamby, Chillicothe; C. P. Dorsey, Bee, Brainerd; Don C. McVay, Republican-Tribune, Trenton; T. V. Bodine, Mercury, Paris.

Meeting of Missouri Associated Afternoon Dailies at 10 o'clock in Room 106, Switzer Hall.

10 a. m.—"Traveling With a Big-League Team," J. V. Luck, The St. Louis Republic.

11 a. m.—"The Problem of Crime News." Informal discussion led by D. L. Burnside, Republican, Poplar Bluff; Wm. Southern, Jr., Jackson Examiner, Independence; L. M. White, Ledger, Mexico.

"Getting the News of Two Counties." C. N. Marvin, Sentinel-Post, Shemandoah, Iowa.

"The Editor and His Community." Frank LeRoy Blanchard, editor, The Editor and Publisher and Journalist, New York City.

2 p. m.—"The City News As a Woman Sees It." Miss Katherine Richardson, special writer, New St. Louis Star.

(Meeting of Missouri Collegiate Press Association at 2 o'clock in Room 106, Switzer Hall.)

"An Editor's Responsibilities." William Ernest Moore, managing editor, The Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"Getting Out-of-Town Circulation." W. J. Hill, publisher, Hannibal Courier-Post.

"Experiences in Illustration." Monte Crews, New York City.

"Journalistic Education." Col. B. B. Herbert, editor, National Printer-Journalist, Chicago.

"The Night Editor." Roy M. Edmonds, night editor, The St. Louis Republic.

5 p. m.—Regimental Parade on the Campus.

8 p. m.—"The Power of the Cartoon." Herbert Johnson, The Saturday Evening Post. "The Biggest Business." Thomas Dreier, editor Associated Advertising, Cambridge, Mass.

keep upon the earth with all the cares which a reader has to meet."

Speaking of suffrage, Mrs. Gilmer asserted that a man could no more represent a woman at the polls than he could in a millinery shop. Women, she said, had grown tired of the advice to suffer and grow good and had decided to wade in and clean up some of the things which make them suffer. She reminded her newspaper hearers, too, that woman already spends almost all the money. The advertisers cannot overlook them.

Earle Hodges' Address.

The Hon. Earle W. Hodges' talk last night was of a technical nature. Mr. Hodges said that stick-to-it-iveness must be indelibly stamped in the makeup of the man or woman who succeeds in any line of work. He places learning first; honesty, second; ambition, third; and fourth, stick-to-it-iveness, the real key to success.

"My ideal of a country newspaper," said Mr. Hodges, "is a seven-column quarto. Such a paper should confine itself as nearly as possible to local news, that is news from every locality in the home county; live terse news, not gossip. Local news is the only excuse for the further existence of the country newspaper. The rural routes are bringing the city dailies and metropolitan weeklies right to the farm yard gates. The big news of one day is brought to the farmer's door the following morning, with the news presented infinitely more complete than any country paper can hope to do. However the farmer does want to know what his neighbors throughout the country and his friends in town are doing and he subscribes for the local paper to be informed in such matters."

Dean Williams Praised.

Mr. Hodges' ideal paper carries no advertising on the front page, but distributes its advertising well throughout the rest of the paper. He favors white space ads. In speaking of the School of Journalism at the University, Mr. Hodges said Walter Williams of Missouri originated the idea of teaching newspaper men how to make newspapers before turning them loose upon an innocent and unsuspecting public.

"Let us away to the fields and see

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SUFFRAGISTS ELECT MRS. MILLER AGAIN

Visiting Delegates Hold Business Meeting at Y. M. C. A. Building.

M. U. GIRLS ACTIVE

Members of University Association Help in the Convention.

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller of Columbia was reelected president of the Missouri Equal Suffrage Association at their business meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium this morning. The other officers elected were: Mrs. Morrison Fuller, Glasgow, Mo., vice-president at large; Dr. Dora Greene-Wilson of Kansas City, first vice-president; Miss Ruth Rollins of Columbia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. W. Million of Mexico, recording secretary; Miss Mary E. Bulkeley of St. Louis, treasurer, and Mrs. Richard Taaffe of Carthage, auditor.

The morning session was devoted to the reports of committees and election of officers, with a pleasant diversion in the form of a reading by Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer from one of her books.

Mrs. Emily Newell Blair, chairman of the press committee, told about the publicity work, and said she could send anything from plate matter and page ads to signed interviews on a few minutes notice. Mrs. Walter McNab Miller announced that in a very few weeks the complete quota of 23,000 signatures to the suffrage petition would be ready.

University Women Prominent.

There were many University women in the audience which attended the meeting in the University Auditorium yesterday afternoon. Members of the University Women's Equal Suffrage Association assisted in ushering and pinning on the yellow badges for delegates and the little buttons which designate the supporters of the equal suffrage movement.

Dr. R. H. Jesse, former president of the University of Missouri and former vice-president of the Missouri Equal Suffrage Association, made the address of welcome. The response by Miss Laura Yeater, a professor in the state normal school at Warrensburg, outlined the history of the suffrage movement in Missouri.

"Women give in their property assessments honestly, as a rule, and men do not," said the Rev. John F. Brandt of St. Louis, in an address on "How the Man Sees Equal Suffrage." "Hence the women pay a proportionately higher tax," Mr. Brandt continued. "If ability to pass the military examination were a franchise test, most of our preachers, and lawyers and doctors could not vote."

"There is only one organized and financed force at work against suffrage in Missouri," said Mrs. Nelle G. Burger of Clarke, Mo., state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "and that is the liquor traffic. Their men have said that they will go to any lengths to defeat suffrage, for suffrage would mean state-wide prohibition."

One hundred and forty guests attended the suffrage supper at the Virginia Tea Room last night. Mrs.

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ATTENDED MEETING OF PAST PRESIDENTS.



Front row, left to right: W. R. Painter, Carrollton; O. D. Gray, Sturgeon; W. N. Southern, Jr., Independence; John W. Jacks, Montgomery City.

Second row: J. P. Baumgartner, Santa Ana, Calif.; Walter Williams, Columbia; J. West Goodwin, Sedalia; R. M. White, Mexico; Phillip Ganz, Macon.

Third row: Will H. Mayes, director School of Journalism, Austin, Texas; B. B. Herbert, National Printer-Journalist, Chicago; E. W. Stephens, Columbia; Ovid Bell, Fulton; E. W. Hodges, Secretary of State, Arkansas.

175 MILES OF WIRE TO CARRY SPEECH

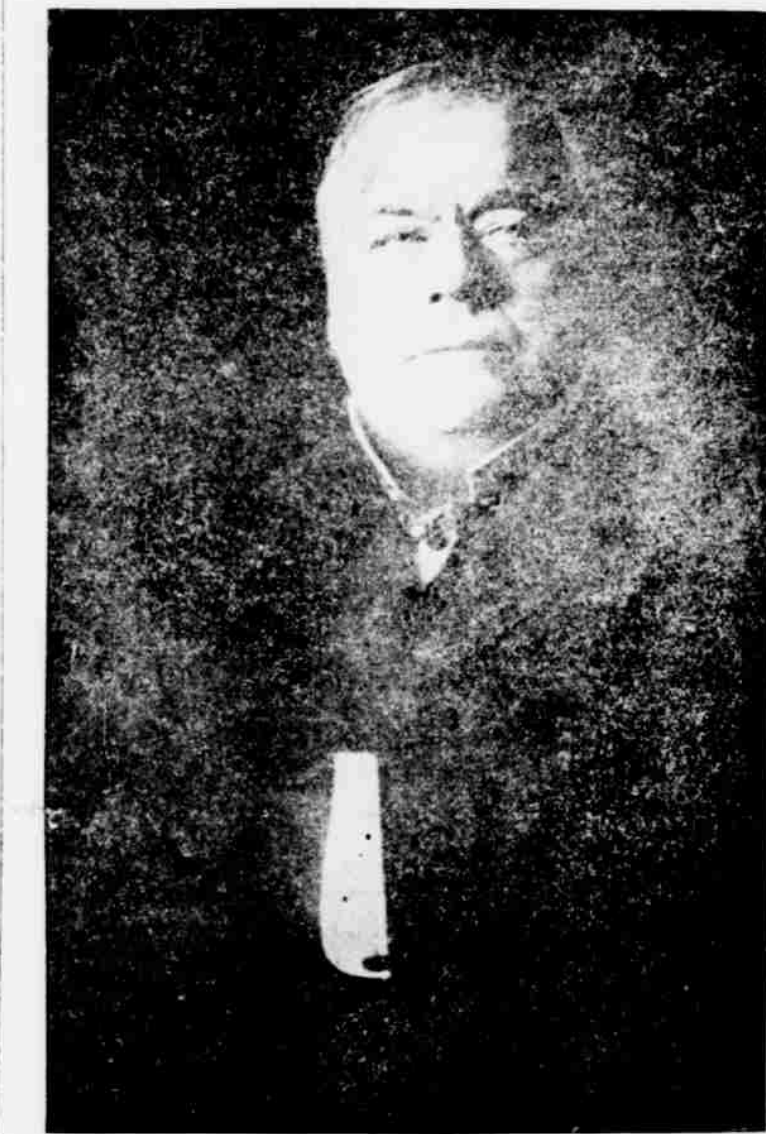
W. R. Nelson's Telephone Talk to Be Made Tonight.

ALASKA WOMAN, TOO

Mrs. Mary E. Hart to Tell of Journalism in the Far North.

An operator in a telephone exchange will slip a plug into the ex-

HIS SPEECH WILL BE 175 MILES LONG



W. R. Nelson, editor and owner of The Kansas City Star, Who Will Make a Speech by Telephone Tonight.

change board at 8 o'clock tonight and William R. Nelson, editor and owner of The Kansas City Star, will speak from his office in Kansas City to those who assemble in the auditorium.

The telephone company has installed the apparatus necessary to carry Mr. Nelson's greeting across the 175 miles of wire to the ears of his audience. His voice will be as distinct as if he were himself standing on the stage of the auditorium.

The subject of Mr. Nelson's address is "The Reporter, The Newspaperman." About seven hundred words will come through the night along the cables which span town and farm, across fields, creeks, lowland, highland and rivers to be heard in the University Auditorium.

Today is "Ladies Day." Of the 100 visitors who are here, 25 are women.

DAMP WEATHER THE PROSPECT

"Cloudy With Probably Showers," Says Weather Bureau.

"Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; probably showers; moderate temperatures," is the forecast today of the United States Weather Bureau.

The temperatures:
7 a. m.61 11 a. m.74
8 a. m.64 12 (noon)77
9 a. m.67 1 p. m.79
10 a. m.70 2 p. m.79

editors, magazine writers and reporters. Three of the speakers today are women. At 4 o'clock there was a reception for women journalists at Switzer Hall and at 5 o'clock there was a dinner for women journalists at Pemberton Hall.

There will be a band concert this evening on the West Campus at 7

REFUGEE DESCRIBES WRATH OF HUERTA

Dr. Aureliano Urrutia Tells of Executions in Mexico City Last Year.

"DIDN'T KEEP COUNT"

He Predicts People of Capital Will Rise and Kill Huerta Leaders.

By United Press.
VERA CRUZ, May 19.—"I didn't keep count of them," answered Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, a refugee from the wrath of Huerta, when asked how many men were executed in Mexico City last year. He admitted many Mexicans, of high and low degree, were summarily killed while he was Minister of the Interior.

He admitted Senator Dominguez criticized Huerta in the Senate, saying his criticism was his last will and testament. He was killed by the Dictator's orders. Dr. Urrutia was asked if a hundred political opponents of Huerta had been shot. He insisted he did not keep count. He admitted Senator Rendon had been shot.

Dr. Urrutia denied all personal responsibility. He said he came to the American lines to save himself and family, and placed himself under the protection of General Funston. He said there is a plot to take his life. He believes the whole government is breaking down and that the people of the capital will rise soon and kill all the Huerta leaders.

By United Press.
JUAREZ, Mexico, May 19.—Fighting at Saltillo is believed by many to be in progress today. Villa has established a strict censorship over the news. Absolutely no information has been received by the correspondents here since early yesterday morning.

Villa's procedure in this case is the same as at the battle of Torreon. At that time, he ordered all press matter to be held up until the fighting was over. The absence of news today means battle.

General Chao, whom Villa deposed as governor of Chihuahua, is now in Parral. He is conferring with General Ferrera. Villa had ordered Chao to Saltillo.

It is rumored that several rebel officers are jealous of Villa and are planning his overthrow. They wish to deprive Villa of the prestige he would gain if he should succeed in capturing Mexico City.

A NEW SCHOLARSHIP

Past Presidents of Press Association Recommend Journalism Fund.

The Association of Past Presidents of the Missouri Press Association voted unanimously last night to recommend to the Missouri Press Association the establishment of a fund for a scholarship in the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri. The association has \$500 in its treasury which it is proposed to appropriate for the purpose, and to this will be added a sufficient amount to make a fund yielding probably \$100 or more annually.

While the scholarship is not, of course, assured by this action of the Past Presidents, it is almost certain that it will be created. A committee consisting of Ovid Bell of Fulton, Robert M. White of Mexico, and Lieutenant-Governor W. R. Painter, was appointed to take the matter in charge and accepted the commission with enthusiasm.

If established, this will be the first scholarship in any School of Journalism for which a press association has provided funds.

J. H. TOALSON, 63, DIES.

Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow Morning.

John Henry Toalson, 63 years old, died at his home, 801 Fay street, at 8 o'clock this morning. The Rev. Madison A. Hart will conduct the funeral services at the home at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Toalson leaves a widow and four children, Mrs. Annie Reece, Mrs. Lillie Ficklin, Mrs. Mary Stone and Miss Lottie Toalson, all of Columbia, and a brother, J. H. Toalson, of Mexico, Mo.

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